

FISCAL NOTE

SB 615 - HB 622

April 16, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Includes appropriate medically necessary services for persons under age 21 with autism as part of EPSDT services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Impact depends on the definition of medically necessary service and is estimated to be minimal if the bill is interpreted to include in the code those services currently required by EPSDT and for which HCFA participates in the cost. Requiring additional services would result in a significant increase in state expenditures, estimated to exceed \$100,000.

Estimate assumes:

- the bill places into the code the requirement that that behavior services for autistic individuals be provided if medically necessary. According to the Bureau of TennCare, such services are currently provided if medically necessary.
- some services, such as applied behavior analysis, are not considered a medically necessary EPSDT covered service by TennCare because it is an educational strategy. If the bill were interpreted to include such services, there would be a significant increase in state expenditures in the TennCare Program, estimated in excess of \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director